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The Honorable Chet Holifield
Chairman, Subcommittee on
Government Reorganization
Committee on Expenditures in the
Executive Departments
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Reference is made to H.R. 4754, a bill to simplify the procurement, utilization, and disposal of Government property, to reorganize certain agencies of the Government, and for other purposes.

After a careful study of this proposed measure, I feel it would be extremely helpful if the Central Intelligence Agency could be exempted from its provisions to the extent required for the security of our operations.

As you know, this Agency has some very special problems in the field of procurement, which, because of the nature of our work, require that special means of procurement be taken. Normal procurement channels and methods cannot always be followed for reasons of security. Wherever possible, however, we would like to comply with the provisions of your proposed bill, and have followed this thought in the language of the amendment which we are proposing.

In view of the special nature of our problem, as indicated above, and with which you are fully aware, it is suggested that the following amendment be incorporated in H.R. 4754 at page 61, line 4, in order that CIA may be exempted from its provisions:

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"(4) the Central Intelligence Agency: Provided, That the Central Intelligence Agency shall to the maximum extent that it may deem practicable, consistent with effective and efficient conduct of its duties and functions, coordinate its operations with the requirements of this Act and the policies and regulations prescribed pursuant thereto;".

If there are any questions which you or your Committee desire to ask me in connection with this proposal, I shall be most happy to place myself at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

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